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EX-GOV. JOHN A. MARTIN of Kansas died at his home in Atchison on Wednesday morning of last week from a complication of disorders. The funeral was conducted by the G. A. R. on Friday.

HON. J. C. BURROWS is in Virginia, in which state he will make some ten or twelve speeches, in company with Gen. Mahone; after which he will go to Ohio and give Gen. Foraker a lift in his fight with Campbell.

ON the 13th of next month a "farmers' congress" is to be held at Montgomery, Ala. Michigan is entitled to thirteen delegates, and Gov. Luce is ready to commission that number of practical farmers who are willing to represent Michigan at this convention at their own expense. Speak up, gentlemen, but not all at once, please.

THE New York city papers are now engaged in patting St. Louis on the back and urging her to "go in and try to win" the quadri-centennial exposition. They think if St. Louis makes any kind of a showing it will tend to divide the western congressional votes and thus defeat both St. Louis and Chicago. New York has absolutely no hopes of winning the fair on any merits of its own.

RETALIATION by China on the United States for the exclusion of her subjects, contrary to treaty, is threatened. A cablegram from Shanghai, dated September 23, says the action of the United States in forbidding Chinese immigration is having its inevitable result, and the Chinese government is meditating measures of retaliation. According to telegrams from Peking, the emperor and his privy council are now deliberating upon a memorial from Censor Su, demanding the expulsion from the country of all Americans in Chinese employ. Not only is this drastic step in contemplation against Americans who occupy subordinate positions, but there is a strong agitation in favor of greater restriction upon the presence of American merchants and missionaries in treaty ports.

DID it ever occur to those papers that are openly or covertly sneering at Fred Douglass, that he might, by the application of the usual standard of measurement among whites, fairly lay claim to superiority over most of the eminent men of America? What white man in this country, with like physical, political, social and educational obstacles to overcome, would have achieved like honors and prominence? Few men, of any color, have displayed more of the qualities which mark the statesman and upright citizen than Fred Douglass; and not the least mark of his superiority is the fact that for more than fifty years he has borne these sneers in silence, treating them and their originators with the quiet contempt which they deserved.—State Republican.

THE recent French elections, though to some extent indecisive, show that the republic has escaped defeat, though it can scarcely be considered victorious. There will have to be new elections in 177 districts, as none of the candidates in those districts polled a majority of all the votes cast, which must be done to constitute a valid election. The supporters of the republic elected their candidates in 224, and the anti-republicans in 190 districts. Among the republicans elected there are 16 moderates and 57 radicals. The opposition members elected include 86 royalists, 51 Bonapartists and 22 Boulangists. Boulanger himself was elected in Montmartre, but the government has decided that all votes cast for him are void. The event shows that the formidable combination against the republic has failed, but there are indications that it might have succeeded if only legitimate methods had been used against it. In spite of all the power of the government, the avowed followers of Boulanger in the legislature will be decidedly more numerous than they were last year, and the republicans of all shades in the next chamber, allowing for all possible gains in the second balloting, will not muster more than 350, as against nearly 400 in the last. The result, therefore, is not encouraging to the friends of the republic, though they may be consoled by the reflection that they have been saved from the catastrophe which seemed inevitable. If France remains a republic it will be the result of the wisest statecraft.

The postmaster general has abolished the postoffice at Laverne, Ala. Mr. Bonez, a colored man, was recently appointed postmaster at that place, and the citizens showed their disapproval of the appointment by boycotting him in every way. He had difficulty in securing a building for his office, but finally succeeded in getting an old building and moved into it. This they burned down. In view of these facts, Mr. Wamamaker decided that the 500 inhabitants of the place could go three miles for their mails and do without postoffice facilities.

THE elections in the new north-western states last week resulted in clean sweeps for the republicans in North and South Dakota and Washington and nearly so in Montana, in which state the democrats only succeeded in electing their governor, and that by a very small majority, while the republicans elect their member of congress and secure a majority in the state legislature. The net result to the republican party at large by these elections is eight United States senators, five congressmen and four states to add to the republican column for 1892, making a total of thirteen or fourteen votes in the electoral college. This will jog the center of gravity to a point outside the state of New York.

THE Hon. Clifton R. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, professes to have a knowledge of elections in the south, and he admits that there are possibly three or four districts in the south "where at one time or another more or less frauds were committed with reference to the negro votes, with perhaps corruption by money in a single district in the south. I do not believe there are any thirteen states in the union that have anything less than that." Mr. Breckinridge when he goes to Washington will occupy the seat to which the Hon. John Clayton was elected, and because of that election was murdered. This Mr. Breckinridge is the right man to talk about election frauds. He ought to hang on the front of his desk a map of his own district with the political history of the same appended thereto.—Inter Ocean.

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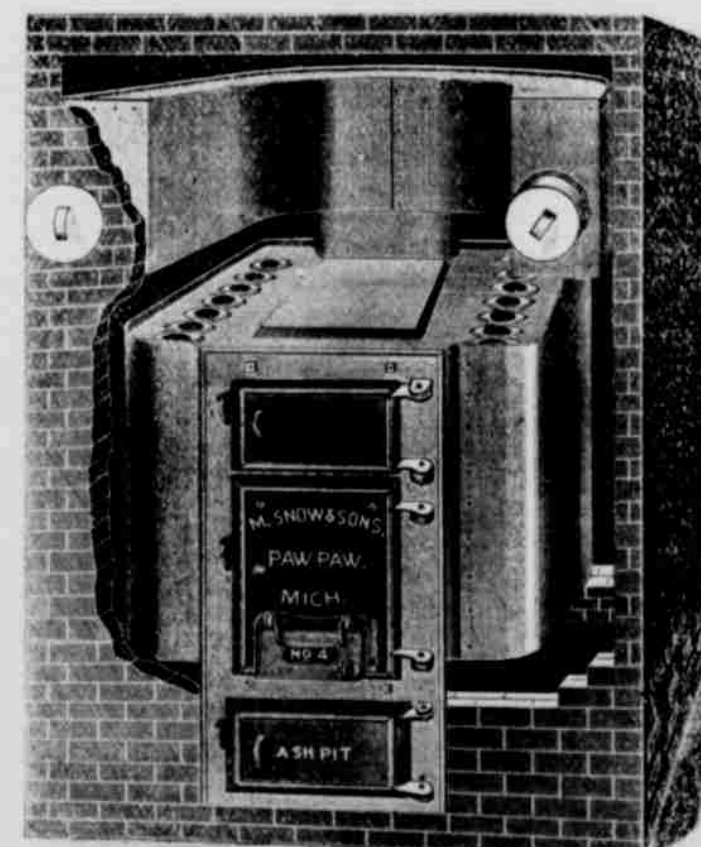
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